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University of Maryland History Graduate Student Association Annual Graduate
Conference

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The History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) at the University of Maryland is pleased to announce its annual graduate conference. Graduate students are invited to submit papers and panel proposals on the theme of

ALLIANCE, CONNECTION, AND COOPERATION

In a year that has made questions of isolation, alienation, allyship, and coalition brutally relevant, the University of Maryland HGSA Graduate Conference seeks to explore the broader meanings and historical impacts of the connections that people, groups, and movements have both succeeded and failed in creating. In times of change, transition, or turmoil, the idea and function of alliance, connection, and cooperation play important historical roles. While such contingent junctures can generate alienation and isolation, they can also foster moments of possibility and promise, and supportive connections between people, groups, communities, institutions, and ideologies have historically fortified political, social, intellectual, and cultural movements. They have also challenged them. Reflection and analysis of how such entities and ideas prevailed, or failed, during critical moments and eras offer remarkable examples of how diffuse actors can maintain and even strengthen communal ties across vast distances.

In recognizing that this conference's titular themes encompass a multitude of topics and applications, we do not pose a singular definition of any of them. We encourage our applicants to examine what compels, characterizes, and impedes cooperation among and between historical actors as well as between historians and their subjects to consider the distances—ideological, conceptual, political, spatial, temporal, cultural, geographical—that alliances of all stripes seek to diminish. Work that employs multi-disciplinary approaches to the historical understanding of alliances, cooperation and non-cooperation is also enthusiastically encouraged.

Submission Requirements:

Submit an abstract to umdgradhistconference@gmail.com by **Friday, 8 January 2021**. The abstract should be **no longer than 300 words in length**. Email Jane Polcen at jpolcen@umd.edu or JP Fetherston at jpfether@umd.edu with questions.

Please include a résumé or CV with your abstract submission.

Proposal decision notifications will be emailed by **Friday 22 January 2021**.

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